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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals: Amendment to Part 76
of the Commission's Rules, CS Docket No. 98-120**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 9, 2012, I spoke telephonically with Dave Grimaldi, Chief of Staff and Legal Advisor to Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, to discuss the above-referenced proceeding. We discussed the broad public interest harms and benefits that could result from the expiration of the viewability rule. Specifically, we discussed 1) the need for affordable or free set-top boxes for affected cable subscribers should the transition occur; and 2) the potential for the Commission to proceed down a slippery slope of more and longer extensions of the rule should the agency not allow it to expire.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gigi Sohn

Gigi Sohn
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cc: Dave Grimaldi